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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

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This review highlights several problems that can occur in paediatric Crohn's disease. Despite modern treatment of Crohn's disease like immunomodulatory therapy one of the most profound problem in young patients are growth deficit. The authors conducted a review of existing literature on the problem of growth delay in children and adolescent diagnosed with Crohn's disease. In this review the authors systematically described the link between pediatric Crohn's disease and nutrition as well as to bone health. In addition, they described the pathophysiology of growth deficiency and the effect of the rGH treatment. The title accurately reflects the major topic and contents of the study. The running title and author's contribution are missing. Abstract gives a clear description of the research background. There are several typing mistakes in the text and spacing is not uniform. The text is accompanied with a table which is not appropriately presented; it would have been better if the table is divided into more tables and it is also necessary to number the table. In conclusion, this is a very interesting review which provides a view of the problem of growth deficit in paediatric Crohn's disease.



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This is well written and interesting review on crohns disease and growth deficit and it is a very difficult subject. The article is fairly long, as dictated by the subject however it still can be made a bit more crisp and tight. The detailed macro and particularly micro nutrient discussion although relevant to the subject is still fairly prolonged. By the time I hit actual growth issues and studies, must admit my concentration starts lapsing and wonder if the same will happen to the readers as well. Although the review is about growth none of the subheadings discusses growth - although last section does talk about GH. I also have some other minor comments directly in relation to the subject and therefore divide my review into two parts A. The organisation As said sorry but the article is all over the place What are the Growth and pubertal issues in crohns disease, if any ? Then discuss the nutrition issues in Crohn’s disease - needs to be considerable shortened with tight focus on macro followed by micro nutrients. Vitamin D does deserve a detailed description. Section on bone health needs to be brought earlier and made more tighter and shorter Other than nutrition please give a clear message as to factors affecting growth such as is GH itself an issue The possible underlying mechanisms at cytokine molecular level really need to be summed up in 2-3 paragraphs max Next please talk about how to diagnose and identify children with nutritional def Next please talk about managements. I remain unsure about the table of studies given in the end helping the manuscript in any way. B. The content Discuss issues re BMD measurement in children GH is controversial at best and sentences like ‘Recent evidence suggests that rhGH therapy is effective in improving short-term linear growth for a selected group of patients’ - please discuss initial height improvement and final height Vitamin D levels are mentioned however there is



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considerably controversy as to what is the really the true trusted level - please bring this in the discussion Coming to treatments and management - please subgroup under immunosuppression and nutritional support. Is there a role for both ? what is the data for each ? In summary it is a well written manuscript but my view is not yet ready for the readership and needs considerable work before being considered for publication



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This manuscript by Gasparetto and Guariso reviews some aspects of the nutritional consequences seen in Crohn disease in children, and considers some aspects of management. Specific Comments 1. Overall, the manuscript could be greatly improved with close revision and attention to detail. Many sections have one sentence paragraphs, with poor flow and connectivity. Others have poorly connected paragraphs. These compromise the message of the work, and interfere with readability. 2. The Abstract should more clearly express the aims of the work. The AIM in the Abstract should be clear and precise. 3. The search terms used (Abstract) are quite restrictive, and do not consider weight, growth, weight loss etc 4. The Results and Conclusions sections of the Abstract should be revised to be more clearly Results and Conclusions. The Conclusions currently has some parts that are really results or findings 5. There are a number of areas that need minor enhancement to the grammar or construction of the sentences. 6. On page 3, it should be made clear that the Paris Classification is specifically relevant to children 7. In regards changes in bone turnover, do the authors intend to write that both formation and re-sorption are increased? 8. Also, the authors refer to EEN and to bone health, but do not mention the literature focusing upon the benefits of EEN for bone health 9. The names of bacterial organisms should be provided in the correct/standard format 10. Section 6 covers nutritional concerns. The authors should reconsider the order of the sections, as this appears out of place. 11. I'm not sure that all three Tables are required - these may be quite large and hard to follow?